

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A rifle (1), comprising a stock (2) with a housing (10) provided with a housing sheath (11) and a barrel (4), ~~the said~~ barrel (4) having a barrel sleeve (7) adapted to be removably received by the housing sheath (11) of the housing (10) of the stock (2), ~~the said~~ housing sheath (11) being provided with a slot (12) extending longitudinally along said housing sheath (11), ~~said the~~ housing sheath (11) having parts means (15, 16) for varying the slot width in the region of the slot (12), the diameter of the housing sheath being adjustable to the diameter of the barrel sleeve using the parts means (15, 16) for varying the slot width, the barrel sleeve (7) of the barrel (4) being positively lockable with the housing sheath (11).